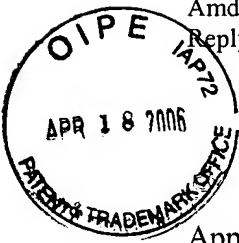


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of Decmeber 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.

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